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Subject: RE: Parchment (Kalamazoo Co) drinking water plant - source water impacted by PFAS

Thank you Kurt for the quick response. Have a good evening.

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Thank you for the phone call tonight Aaron and the follow-up email.

We have alerted EPA HQ Office of Water about this development and have inquired about communities that may have dealt with this type of situation. I will share more information on this when I get that info.

Regarding a point of contact at EPA Region 5, our short term contact person would be Thomas Poy, Chief of our Drinking Water Program. I've cc'ed Tom on this e-mail. Tom's phone number is 312-886-5991. Tom's supervisor, Linda Holst our Acting Water Division Director, is also included on this email.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything you need.

Best,

Kurt

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Kathy – I left you a message on your cell. Since then, I have talked to Kurt. You can either talk to me or talk to him to get a brief update on an issue we discovered late this afternoon regarding the community of Parchment's drinking water plant. Analytical results we received today shows that their source water well have been impacted by PFAS. Parchment is not too far away from where we were earlier this week and the system serves about 3,000 individuals (~1,200 connections).

While we were advising Congressman Upton of the situation in his district, he mentioned a bill that he had sponsored during the Flint response that requires EPA to engage in situations like this within 24 hours. I am not familiar with this requirement, but at this point, Michigan does not have a need for this level of assistance.

I did advise Kurt that it would be helpful to have a technical point of contact at Region 5 in the event that we need technical support during our initial response. I also told him that, if EPA knows of examples where this may have happened in other states, it would be helpful if EPA could share information about the technologies used to provide interim treatment at the impacted plant while a long-term alternative could be established. Michigan is developing its own plan along these lines, but a second set of input is welcomed. Kurt indicated he would email me information related to this.

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